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MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Wednesday, March 1, 2017 10:30 a.m. Room 327 House Office Building, Lansing

Representative Barrett, Chair, called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Barrett, Alexander, Lauwers, Howell, Albert, Calley, Frederick, Elder, Kivela, Phelps, Sabo, Sneller.

Representative Elder made a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting of February 22, 2017. No objections being offered, the minutes were accepted as presented.

Rebecca Park, Matt Smego and Andrew Vermeesch, representing the Michigan Farm Bureau, provided a presentation to the Committee and reviewed the following topics: Agriculture is the driver for growth in rural America; Michigan Farm Bureau overview; the policy process; Michigan agriculture facts; Agriculture labor; a coordinated effort; our focus; workforce development; industry growth; non-transportation infrastructure; water use; Michigan's water history law; and environmental stewardship. Questions and discussion followed.

There being no additional business before the Committee, Chair Barrett declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 11:00 a.m.

Representative Tom Barrett, Chair

Catherine Petroskey, Committee Clerk (517) 373-8538